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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON HIZBALLAH "MANIFESTO"

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¶1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, HIZBALLAH PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 16 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LEBANON A POLITICAL "MANIFESTO." HIZBALLAH'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVES, AS CITED FROM THE MANIFESTO BY THE LOCAL FRENCH-LANGUAGE PRESS, FOLLOW.

BEGIN TEXT.

-- THE DEPARTURE OF THE ISRAELIS, PRELUDE TO THE ANNIHILATION OF ISRAEL AND THE LIBERATION OF THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM.

-- THE DEFINITIVE DEPARTURE FROM LEBANON OF THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, AND THEIR ALLIES AND THE END OF THE INFLUENCE OF ANY COLONIALIST STATE OVER THE COUNTRY.

-- THE JUDGMENT OF PHALANGE PARTY MEMBERS FOR ALL THE CRIMES THEY HAVE COMMITTED AGAINST MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS, WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.

-- THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL THE SONS OF OUR PEOPLE, AND FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF THE POLITICAL REGIME WHICH THEY DESIRE.

WE DO NOT HIDE, HOWEVER, OUR PREFERENCE FOR AN ISLAMIC REGIME AND CALL ON EVERYONE TO CHOOSE IT, BECAUSE IT ALONE GUARANTEES JUSTICE AND DIGNITY FOR ALL AND PREVENTS ANY ATTEMPTS AT NEOCOLONIALIST INFILTRATION INTO OUR COUNTRIES

END TEXT.

¶2. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES WERE CONTAINED IN A FIFTY-PAGE MANIFESTO ENTITLED "OPEN LETTER TO THE OPPRESSED OF LEBANON AND THE WORLD." THE MANIFESTO WAS PRESENTED BY SHEIKH HASSAN GHIBRISS, SPOKESMAN OF THE "HIZBALLAH NATION," TO A GATHERING OF ABOUT 1000 SUPPORTERS ON FEBRUARY 16 IN THE SOUTHERN BEIRUT SUBURB OF SHIYAH.

¶3. SEVERAL SHIITE AND SUNNI RELIGIOUS LEADERS REPORTEDLY ATTENDED THE GATHERING, MOST NOTABLY SHEIKHS SOBHI TUFAYLI HASSAN NASRALLAH, AND JALAL EDDIN ARKANDAN. HOWEVER, BOTH HIZBALLAH "SPIRITUAL GUIDE" SHEIKH FADLALLAH AND TAWHIID MOVEMENT LEADER SHEIKH SHA'BAN WERE ABSENT DUE TO THEIR CURRENT VISIT TO IRAN WHERE, ACCORDING TO LEBANESE TELEVISION, THEY WERE RECEIVED BY AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI ON FEBRUARY 15.

¶4. WE WOULD ALSO DRAW ADDRESSEES' ATTENTION TO FBIS GF190720 AND GF190722 IN WHICH TEHRAN RADIO REPORTS A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16 BETWEEN SHEIKH FADLALLAH AND GRAND AYATOLLAH MONTAZERI FOLLOWING WHICH THE TWO RELIGIOUS LEADERS CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT IN LEBANON.

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